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To the PRINTER,

SIR, ST. JAMES's, *April* 15, 1777.

AS the ſubject of the following genuine letters, the time when they were written, and the rank and reputation of the writers, render them of much importance, I deſire you will give them a place in your next paper, and oblige, Sir, your moſt humble ſervant, A B.

EAGLE, *June* 20, 1776.

I CANNOT, my worthy friend, permit the letters and parcels which I have ſent you, in the ſtate I received them, to be landed, without adding a word upon the ſubject of the injurious extremities in which our unhappy diſputes have engaged us.

You will learn the nature of my miſſion from the official deſpatches which I have recommended to be forwarded by the ſame conveyance. Retaining all the earneſtneſs I ever expreſſed to ſee our differences accommodated, I ſhall conceive, if I meet with the diſpoſition in the colonies which I was once taught to expect, the moſt flattering hopes of proving ſerviceable, in the objects of the king's paternal ſolicitude, by promoting the eſtabliſhment of laſting peace and union with the colonies; but if the deep rooted prejudices of America, and the neceſſity of preventing her trade from paſſing into foreign channels, muſt keep us ſtill a divided people, I ſhall, from every private as well as publick motive, moſt heartily lament that it is not the moment wherein thoſe great objects of my ambition are to be attained, and that I am to be longer deprived of an opportunity to aſſure you, perſonnally, of the regard with which I am your ſincere and faithful humble ſervant, HOWE.

P. S. I was diſappointed of the opportunity I expected for ſending this letter at the time it was dated, and have been ever ſince prevented, by calms and contrary winds, from getting here to inform General Howe of the commiſſion with which I have the ſatiſfaction to be charged, and of his being joined in it. Superſcribed,

Off Sandy Hook, 12*th July*, 1776.

To BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, *Eſq*; Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, *July* 30, 1776.

I RECEIVED ſafe the letters your Lordſhip ſo kindly forwarded to me, and beg you to accept my thanks.

The *official* deſpatches to which you refer me contain nothing more than what we had ſeen in the act of parliament, viz. *offers of pardon upon ſubmiſſion*; which I was ſorry to find, as it muſt give your Lordſhip pain to be ſent ſo far on ſo hopeleſs a buſineſs.

Directing pardons to be offered to the colonies, who are the very parties injured, expreſſes indeed that opinion of our ignorance, baſeneſs, and inſenſibility, which your uninformed and proud nation has long been pleaſed to entertain of us; but it can have no other effect than that of increaſing our reſentment. It is impoſſible we ſhould think of ſubmiſſion to a government that has, with the moſt wanton barbarity and cruelty, burnt our defenceleſs towns in the midſt of winter, excited the ſavages to maſſacre our peaceful farmers, and our ſlaves to murder their maſters, and is even *now* bringing foreign mercenaries to deluge our ſettlements with blood. Theſe atrocious injuries have extinguiſhed every ſpark of affection for that parent country we once held ſo dear. But were it poſſible for *us* to forget and forgive them, it is not poſſible for you (I mean the Britiſh nation) to forgive the people you have ſo heavily injured. You can *never* confide again in thoſe, as fellow ſubjects, and permit them to enjoy equal freedom, to whom, you know, you have given ſuch juſt cauſes of laſting enmity; and this muſt impel you, were we again under *your* government, to endeavour the breaking our ſpirit by the ſevereſt tyranny, and obſtructing, by every means in your power, our growing ſtrength and proſperity.

But your Lordſhip mentions "the King's paternal ſolicitude for promoting the eſtabliſhment of laſting peace and union with the colonies." If by *peace* is here meant a peace to be entered into by diſtinct ſtates now at war, and his Majeſty has given your Lordſhip power to treat with us of ſuch a peace, I may venture to ſay, though without authority, that I think a treaty for that purpoſe is not quite impracticable, before we enter into foreign alliances. But I am perſuaded you have no ſuch power: Your nation, though by puniſhing thoſe American governours who have fomented the diſcord, rebuilding our burnt towns, and repairing, as far as poſſible, the miſchiefs done us, ſhe might recover a great ſhare of our regard, and the greateſt ſhare of our growing commerce, with all the advantages of that additional ſtrength to be derived from a friendſhip with us, yet I know too well her abounding pride, and deficient wiſdom, to believe ſhe will ever take ſuch ſalutary meaſures. Her fondneſs for conqueſt, as a warlike nation, her luſt of dominion, as an ambitious one, and her thirſt for gainful monopoly, as a commercial one (none of them legitimate cauſes of war) will all join to hide from her eyes every view of her true intereſt, and will continually goad her on in theſe ruinous diſtant expeditions, ſo deſtructive both of lives and of treaſure, that they muſt prove as pernicious to her in the end as the croiſades formerly were to moſt of the nations of Europe.

I have not the vanity, my Lord, to think of intimidating, by thus predicting the effects of this war; for I know it will in England have the fate of all my former predictions, not to be believed, till the event ſhall verify it.

Long did I endeavour, with unfeigned and unwearied zeal, to preſerve from breaking that fine and noble china vaſe the Britiſh empire; for I know, that being once broken the ſeparate parts could not retain even their ſhares of ſtrength and value that exiſted in the whole, and that a perfect re-union of theſe parts could ſcarce ever be hoped for. Your Lordſhip may poſſibly remember the tears of joy that wet my cheeks, when, at your good ſiſter's in London, you once gave me expectations that a reconciliation might ſoon take place. I had the misfortune to find thoſe expectations diſappointed, and to be treated as the cauſe of the miſchief I was labouring to prevent. My conſolation under that groundleſs and malevolent treatment was, that I retained the friendſhip of many wiſe and good men in that country, and among the reſt ſome ſhare in the regard of Lord Howe.

The well founded eſteem, and, permit me to ſay, affection, which I ſhall always have for your Lordſhip, make it painful to me to ſee you engaged in conducting a war, the great ground of which, as deſcribed in your letter, is "the neceſſity of preventing the American trade from paſſing into *foreign* channels." To me it ſeems, that neither the obtaining nor retaining any trade, how valuable ſoever, is an object for which men may juſtly ſpill each others blood; that the true and ſure means of extending and ſecuring commerce are the goodneſs and cheapneſs of the commodities; and that the profits of no trade can ever be equal to the expenſe of compelling it, and holding it by fleets and armies. I conſider this war againſt us, therefore, as both *unjuſt* and *unwiſe*; and I am perſuaded that cool and diſpaſſionate poſterity will condemn to infamy thoſe who adviſed it, and that even ſucceſs will not ſave from ſome degree of diſhonour thoſe who have *voluntarily* engaged to conduct it.

I know your great motive in coming hither was the hope of being inſtrumental in a reconciliation, and believe, when you find that to be impoſſible, on any terms given you to propoſe, you will relinquiſh ſo odious a command, and return to a more honourable private ſtation. With the greateſt and moſt ſincere reſpect, I have the honour to be, my Lord, your Lordſhip's moſt obedient humble ſervant,

B. FRANKLIN.

Directed *To the Right Honourable Lord Viſcount* HOWE.

CHARLESTOWN, SEPTEMBER 11.

LETTERS from France mention, that the friends of America in England were ſo ſanguine, that they had opened policies in London, receiving 20 guineas to return 100, if, at the end of three years, the King had two provinces in North America.

We are informed that Captains Weeks, Johnſon, and Nichols (three American cruiſers) had taken 28 prizes in the European ſeas, 17 of which were ſent to different ports, and 11 deſtroyed or given to the priſoners.

The Britiſh parliament was prorogued on June 5th to Monday July 21ſt. The King's ſpeech, at the end of the ſeſſion, was much the ſame as laſt year's.

Extract of a letter from a Carolinian *in* France.

"The Houſe of Commons have granted the King 12,386,000 l. ſterling for the expenſes of the current year. The following is the purport of Lord North's ſpeech on opening the budget, taken from Lloyd's Evening Poſt of May 16th. He ſaid, "he allowed the publick burthens to be heavy, but he expected that the enſuing campaign would determine our troubles in America, and that a revenue (if not conſiderable at firſt) might be drawn from that country, which would aſſiſt in lightening the heavy preſſure of taxes under which we labour. That, at preſent, we ſtood on the very beſt and moſt friendly terms with every power in Europe; and not only in that reſpect, but from every other diſtant and diſconnected appearance whatever, there was not the leaſt probability of the general tranquillity of Europe being interrupted." His Lordſhip thus openly avowing his intentions, muſt convince every reaſonable man with you how very neceſſary it is to endeavour, by every means, to oppoſe and diſappoint him.

"Mr. A. LEE is lately gone to the court of Berlin; the nature of his viſit is not known here, but I hope it will prove of ſervice to our much injured country. Late letters fromm England ſay, unleſs General Howe can obtain ſome ſignal advantage the enſuing campaign, adminiſtration intend to recall all the troops, except what will be ſufficient to garriſon New York, as their engagement with the Prince of Heſſe expires this year; but that they will not give up the matter, but will keep a number of frigates to diſtreſs our trade."

ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE *ſubſcriber is now ſettled in the houſes lately occupied by* Charles Williamſon, *near the academy in* Prince Edward *county, and propoſes to take boarders on reaſonable terms, the boarders finding their own beds. Good wages will be given for the hire of ſlaves.* 2*p* PHILEMON HALCOMB.

RUN a way from the ſubſcriber in *Nanſemond*, a negro fellow named JOB, about 28 years old, and has a ſcar on one heel from which a fragment of bone has been extracted. THIRTY DOLLARS reward will be given to any perſon who brings him home. 2*p* JOSEPH M. GODWIN.

RUN a way from *Williamsburg* the fifth of *October*, PETER, a black negro man, ſlave about five feet nine inches high, very ſquare, well made, and likely, clad in an old negro cotton jacket and breeches, oſnabrug ſhirt, and new ſhoes. He was lately purchaſed from Capt. *Matthews* of *Gloucester*, by *John Fox*, Eſq; and is ſuppoſed to have gone towards his former dwelling, as he has a wife there. Whoever ſecures him, and delivers him to Mr. *Fox*, or to the printer of this Gazette, ſhall receive five pounds reward.

COMMITTED to the jail of *Northumberland* county, the 7th of *September*, an *African* negro about fifty years old, five feet ſix or ſeven inches high, has on a country linen ſhirt, ſpeaks bad *Engliſh*, but, as well as can be underſtood, ſays he belongs to *Solomon Poſey*. The owner is deſired to pay charges and take him away. 2*p* The JAILER.

STRAYED from *York* town, a few days ago, a ſmall dark bay horſe about four feet ſeven or eight inches high, ſix years old, hanging mane and long tail, one hind foot white, a ſtar in his forehead, has a very large head, and when rode keeps it down, paces and trots. Whoever will contrive the ſaid horſe to me, at *York*, ſhall receive five dollars reward.

2*p* WHITEHEAD COLEMAN, Lieut. Art.

STOLEN or STRAYED from the ſubſcriber, in *Fredericksburg*, a ſmall bay horſe with a wen on his ſide near the ſize of a goole egg, trots, paces, and gallops, and branded on the buttock with a blotch. Whoever brings the ſaid horſe to me, if taken 25 miles from home, ſhall have TWO DOLLARS reward, and if 50 miles off FOUR DOLLARS.

2*p* THOMAS BROWN.

ALL perſons having demands againſt the eſtate of *Richard Hilyard*, late of *Charles City* county, deceaſed, are deſired to apply to the ſubſcriber in the ſaid county for payment, on or before the twenty ſixth day of *November* next. Thoſe who fail to apply on or before that time I ſhall think myſelf not obliged to pay, as I intend then to deliver up the eſtate to thoſe that have a right to receive it. 2*p* WILL. LENNARD, exec.

DESERTED from my company in the ſecond *N. Carolina* continental battalion, JOHN RIGS, about five feet ſix inches high, has a thin viſage, black hair, and a down look. He afterwards enliſted with Capt. *Thomas Bracey* in the colonial ſervice, at *Portſmouth*, and when I applied for him to Capt. *Bracey*, producing the ſaid *Rigs*'s receipt for the bounty, and a certificate for his having been legally ſworn before a juſtice, he refuſed to deliver him up till he had a trial, and before that came on he made his eſcape from the guard at *Portſmouth*. Whoever ſecures the ſaid deſerter, ſo that I get him again, ſhall have TWELVE DOLLARS reward.

2*p* MANLOVE TARRANT, Capt.

BALTIMORE, October 14.

Extract of a letter from camp, dated 5th of October.

THE night before last our army marched in order to attack the enemy, the distance was very great, I believe 14 miles. The disposition was a pretty one, but did not take place as concerted. The General himself, with Sullivan's, Stirling's, and Wayne's divisions, and Nash's brigade, composed the centre; General Conway commanded the advance; Green, M'Dougall, Smallwood, and Fermoy, were to engage the enemy's right. Armstrong, with the militia, composed our right. Unluckily the wings were not up in time. In the centre, General Conway attacked exceeding clever. Sullivan's division also advanced, and behaved as well as men could do; they bore the brunt of the action for some time, and pushed the enemy from several of their posts. Wayne's also pushed and broke them. The fogginess of the morning was very much against us. I believe in my soul, had it not been for that, we would have totally routed their army. Our men were afraid to follow up their advantages after driving them, as they could not see any distance who were before them. General Green did not come up for some time, but when he did advance he also drove them. We completely surprised the foe, and did not make an attack in a single place without routing them. I was attached to General Washington, and had an opportunity of seeing the behaviour of the centre; we drove them near three hours. Another unfavourable circumstance was our engaging them in Germantown. They took possession of the houses, from which they annoyed us exceedingly; one party from Mr. Chew's house was very troublesome. I was apprehensive for the General. They fired on us from the windows. The General ordered some field pieces to be drawn up against it, which suited it pretty well. We then sent a flag, to summon them to surrender; they fired on the flag, shattered the gentleman's leg who carried it, and kept us in play from this house till they had a reinforcement, I believe their grenadiers from Philadelphia, and then pushed down a column on us, which we were not able to withstand. General Nash had his thigh shattered with a cannon ball, and must die (he is since dead) Colonel Stone is shot through the ankle, Colonel Hall bruised, Colonel Hendricks, who nobly led on his regiment, and gave the enemy the bayonet, is wounded in the head, but not dangerously. Jack White, who behaved bravely, I am afraid, is gone. Captain Cox is killed. Young Baylor was struck on the instep with a four pound ball, which passed through the midst of fifteen or twenty of us, the General at our head, and only wounded Baylor; he will lose his leg. Lord Stirling and General Conway had their horses shot. Our loss is not by any means considerable. We had a good many wounded, but brought them off very generally. The enemy must have suffered greatly; their breaking and running in the manner they did testifies that they were very roughly handled. They left their tents standing, with their blankets and provisions in them."

Extract of another letter, dated York *town, 10th of* October.

"On Saturday morning, about day-break, our troops attacked the enemy in Biggar's town and Germantown, two miles below it, nearly at the same time. We continued to drive them from every post we assaulted for three hours, they at last took shelter in the stone houses and churches, from whence they annoyed us much. While our men were endeavouring to dislodge them from Mr. Chew's house, they had time to bring up a reinforcement of fresh troops. In the mean while, two of our divisions, falling in from different quarters, mistook each other for reinforcements of the enemy; a mistake occasioned by the thick fog, which prevented our seeing the distance of thirty yards. This accident threw our troops in some confusion, and contributed to bring on a retreat; however, the enemy did not dare to pursue.

"From pretty good authority, we are assured they had between two and three hundred waggons employed in carrying their wounded to Philadelphia, and Howe would not permit the citizens to see the field of battle, from which it is reasonably presumed that appearances there were very much against him. We hear the enemy have lost General Agnew, Colonels Abercrombie, Webster, Byrd, and General De Heister's son, with several other officers. General Kniphausen is said to be wounded, and it is asserted that General Howe had actually given orders for a retreat to Chester, when the unlucky accident, already mentioned, snatched the victory out of our hands. We were once in the possession of the enemy's camp, tents, provisions, &c. which in our confusion were all lost."

A letter from a gentleman in New England, to his friend in this town, mentions, that the valuable prize lately sent into Newbury Port proves to be a French brigantine, with a French Captain and crew, loaded at Yarmouth for Genoa and Leghorn, and had on board 250 bales of dry goods, and 30 tuns of lead, and supposed to be the richest prize brought into America since the commencement of the war. The Captain of her declares, that many other French vessels have been loaded in England by the British merchants, in hopes thereby of cloaking their property from American cruisers. This has scheme hitherto succeeded well for them, as it appears that many of the New England privateers have lately boarded such French vessels, which they did not conceive themselves at liberty to make prize of, having French crews and papers. The same letter mentions another prize from London being brought into New England, on board of which was found concealed a letter to a house in Ireland, which confirms the report of the French Captain, advising that the merchants had adopted the scheme of shipping their goods in foreign bottoms, to elude the Americans, being determined to haul up their own vessels. It is well known how the British men of war and privateers served the Dutch in the late war, when employed as carriers for the French; and with how little ceremony they condemned both vessels and cargoes, as legal prizes, upon scarcely any other evidence than their having loaded in French ports. To what wretched shifts are the haughty lords of the ocean already reduced, if necessitated to dispense with the boasted act of navigation, the great palladium of their commerce, and to copy after examples they so loudly condemned in others. It is hoped American cruisers will attend to this important discovery, and trace an insidious enemy through all their doublings.

By his Excellency Sir William Howe, K. B. *General and Commander in Chief, &c. &c. &c.*

PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS by my declaration, dated the 27th of August, 1777, security and protection were promised to all persons, inhabitants of Pennsylvania, &c. &c. &c. excepting only those who have assumed legislative or judicial authority, provided they did forthwith return, and remain peaceably at their usual places of abode, this is to make known to all persons, who, in consequence of the said declaration, have complied with the same, that they may rely upon a due consideration hereafter shewn to them, provided they do not forfeit their pretensions by a future conduct; and farther to proclaim, that those only who have availed themselves, before this date, of the indulgencies set forth in my said declaration, shall be esteemed entitled to the benefits thereof.

Given under my hand, at head quarters near Germantown, *the 28th day of* September, 1777.

By his Excellency's commadn, W. HOWE.

ROBERT MACKENZIE, Secretary.

ANNAPOLIS, October 16.

THE thanks of Congress were unanimously voted to be given to General Washington, for his wise and well concerted attack upon the enemy's army, near Germantown, on the fourth instant, and to the officers and soldiers of the army for their brave exertions on that occasion.

Extract of a letter from Trenton, *October 7, 1777.*

"Last night a young Lady arrived here from Philadelphia (having a pass from General Cornwallis) by whom we have the following good consequences of the action of the 4th instant. In her presence, several officers, who had returned from the engagement, declared, that the attack was made with great judgment, and supported with equal bravery; that they had not received such a drubbing since Bunker's Hill. General Agnew was killed on the spot, and General Grant mortally wounded (reported to be dead the morning she left Philadelphia) two Colonels killed, a great number of other officers killed and wounded. Rooms were engaged at Mrs. Yard's for six. That it would take all our hospitals, and several other houses, to contain the wounded. That the city appears to be in mourning; the British officers wear long faces, and the Tories cry, they must leave the city with General Howe. Mrs. Kearsley has received Dr. Shippen's house, as a reward for services done. Mrs. House and —— are ordered out of your's and Mr. Dickinson's, which are to be given away to some of the *faithful*. A gentleman, who has left the city, says Kniphausen is killed."

WILLIAMSBURG, *Oct.* 24.

A letter from —— TRUMBULL, *Esq; Paymaster General of the northern department, to Col.* DYER, *member of Congress.*

DEAR SIR, ALBANY, *October 9, 1777.*

THE last two or three days past have produced very important events in this department. On the afternoon of the seventh an action commenced, about three o'clock, between the pickets of the two armies, which, being reinforced on each side, continued till it drew out the whole of Major General Arnold's division on our left, and part of General Lincoln's division. The contest was warm, and continued with obstinacy on both sides until the evening, when our troops gained the advanced lines of the enemy on their right, these lines and works forming an extent of about half a mile. Our people entered, and kept encamping on the ground all night; they found themselves possessed of about three hundred and thirty tents with kettles boiling with corn, nine brass cannon from six to twelve pounders, two hundred prisoners, the dead a greater number, with baggage and plunder of the flying camp. Among the prisoners are Sir Francis Carr Clark, aid to General Burgoyne, a Quartermaster General (said to be Carleton) Major Williams of artillery, and several others of distinction. It was expected the action would be renewed in the morning; a cannonade indeed began, but produced nothing material. On the action of the seventh we have to regret that Major General Arnold received a dangerous wound in the leg, a compound fracture, that endangers the limb. The next morning Major General Lincoln was also wounded in near the same place and manner, and it is feared they must both lose a leg each. Besides these misfortunes, our troops suffered but little. They behaved with great bravery and intrepidity, and have a second time triumphed over the valour of veteran troops. The cannonade yesterday proves now to have been kept up by way of cover to their preparations for retreating, which was begun last night about eleven o'clock, having improved the day in loading their baggage waggons, &c. and sending off what they could. General Gates, however, was not deceived by appearances; but, suspecting their designs, despatched yesterday two parties to go round on their rear, and this day two brigades are in pursuit of the flying army. It is said a body of men from the Eastward is already at Fort Edward. I have great hopes their retreat will be greatly impeded and harrassed, if not totally cut off. They left us, it is said, about three hundred sick and wounded in their hospital houses. Our army are on the enemy's late camp.

Tenth of October, *in the morning.* Yesterday was a very bad day for pursuit of the flying army, being rainy, and very wet. Some articles of value were found yesterday. It is a great misfortune at this time that General Arnold is wounded; his vigour and activity will be much needed in pursuit. Desertions prevail in a great degree from the enemy's camp.

A sufficient number of members of the General Assembly not meeting on Monday, agreeable to their last adjournment, to proceed to business, they have adjourned from day to day ever since, and the Speaker of the House of Delegates has despatched letters to the absent members, requiring their immediate attendance.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

HEAD QUARTERS, WILLIAMSBURG, October 15, 1777.

MR. *William Smith*, of *Surry* county, this day informed me that he is accused by sundry persons of the said county with having misrepresented facts relative to *Michael Savage*, a draughted soldier, and that it is supposed, in consequence thereof, the said *Savage* obtained his discharge. In justification of Mr. *Smith*, I do hereby certify, that he never, to my knowledge, applied to me in person, or otherwise, in favour of the said soldier, but that he was discharged on his being properly examined by the continental surgeon at this station, who gave it as his opinion that he was unfit for the service, and advised an immediate discharge.

DAVID MASON, Col. 15th *Virg.* reg.

WILLIAMSBURG, *October* 24, 1777.

ROBIN, NED, and ABERDEEN, three negroes who were sent up to the lead mines, got away from their guard last *Sunday* night, at *Richmond*. Whoever delivers them to Col. *James Callaway*, Mr. *Innis* at the lead mines, or to the subscriber, shall have FIVE POUNDS for each, and the same reward if secured in any jail, upon notice given.——*Robin* belongs to Mr. *Upshaw* of *Accomack*, *Ned* to *Douglas Willis*, and *Aberdeen* to *John Crammond*.

DAVID MASON, Col. 15th *Virg.* reg.

WILLIAMSBURG, *October* 15. 1777.

CAME to my house, the 30th of *September* last, a man who said his name was *Fraser*, brought with him a small dark bay horse, and went off the 3d instant, since which time I have heard nothing of him. This is to inform him, that if he does not come and pay his account before the first of *November*, his horse will be sold to pay charges due to

2p JANE VOBE.

AMERICAN inkpowder may be had of the subscriber in *Fredericksburg*, next door to Mrs. *Mercer's*, at 3s. 6d. *per* paper, and considerably cheaper by the dozen or any larger quantity. 1p JOHN MITCHELL.

STOLEN from the subscriber, the eighth instant (*October*) a GRAY HORSE twelve years old, four feet ten or eleven inches high, trots hard, and gallops well, has a lump on his back which resembles a navel gall, but no brand perceivable. Whoever will deliver the said horse to the subscriber, living in *Hanover*, shall receive a reward of fifteen dollars.

THOMAS PRICE.

HALIFAX, *Sept.* 17, 1777.

Mr. PURDIE,

A PIECE appeared in *Dixon & Hunter*'s paper in *August* last, by *Joseph Cocke*, wherein he endeavours to fix an odium on Mr. *Philips*'s character, and my own, as being persons of evil fame. I apprehend the reason why the said *Cocke* (whose vile character is too notoriously known to need any explanation to the publick) made this attack on characters, out of his power to defame, was this: That a certain *Julius Deane* informed me that *Joseph Cocke*, and one *Mason*, in conjunction, had stolen a negro man slave from Mrs. *Elizabeth Bibb*. I therefore, in order that Mrs. *Bibb* might recover her slave, and detect the villains, informed her of these circumstances by letter.—Some time afterwards, Mr. *Philips*, a friend and relation of Mrs. *Bibb*'s, applied to me for information. I sent for the aforesaid *Julius Dean*, who made the information to Mr. *Philips* himself, which is a true state of the matter, as far as came to my knowledge. Mr. *Philips* is a stranger to me, but supports a character amongst all his acquaintance unexceptionable. As to my own, I challenge Mr. *Joseph Cocke*, or any of his vile emissaries, to stand forth, if they can, and make good his false charge; though, at the same time, I am sure a person of his infamous character is not to be thought of but with contempt. I only mean to have my character set in a fair light to the impartial publick. I am, sir, your humble servant, 1p JOHN DYER.

LOST from Mr. *Richard Charlton*'s in *Williamsburg*, the 23d of *August* last, a black gelding with hanging mane and switch tail, branded T D or TD in a piece, and about 12 years old. Whoever will bring the said gelding to Mr. *Charlton*, or to Mr. *William Dulley* in *King & Queen*, shall have 26s. reward, and be allowed travelling expenses.

2p N. CARPENTER.

To be SOLD *at* New Kent *courthouse, the ſecond* Thurſday *in* November, *being court day,*

THE plantation whereon *Mary Perkins*, deceaſed, lived, containing 300 acres. The ſaid land is pleaſantly ſituated, about 7 miles above the ſaid courthouſe, on the *Richmond* road, with all neceſſary conveniences, ſuch as a good dwelling-houſe with two rooms below and two above, brick chimney, and a fine dry cellar, a good kitchen and laundry, negro quarters, dairies, meathouſe, barn, corn crib, and tobacco houſes, a garden, and a fine orchard of apple and peach trees. The land is very kind for corn, wheat, and tobacco; and about 30,000 corn hills are ſowed in wheat. Any perſon inclinable to purchaſe may view the land by applying to *Nathaniel Perkins*, on the premiſes, before the day of ſale. One half the purchaſe money to be paid down, and ſome credit will be given for the other half, if required. Alſo will be ſold, for ready money, the 16th day of *December*, on the ſaid plantation, 15 likely *Virginia* born NEGROES, ſuch as young fellows, women and boys, as likely as any in this ſtate, the crop of corn, wheat, and fodder, two yoke of oxen, carts, and all plantation utenſils. Poſſeſſion of the land will be given at *Chriſtmas*.

JOHN PERKINS,
DAVID PERKINS,
ISAAC PERKINS, } Executors.

To be SOLD *in* Port Royal, *on* Friday *the 14th of* November, *if fair, otherwiſe next fair day,*

TWO lots in the ſaid town, beautifully ſituated on the river bank, on which is a genteel dwelling-houſe with four rooms and a paſſage below, two rooms and a cloſet above, alſo a kitchen, laundry, meathouſe, ſtable, a large ſmith's ſhop, and a garden lately paled in. At the ſame time will be ſold, all the houſehold and kitchen furniture, ſome ſmiths tools, and materials for the buſineſs; the whole being the eſtate of Mr. *John Brown*, late of *Port Royal*, deceaſed, ſilverſmith. The time of payment will be agreed upon at the ſale.——— All perſons who have any demands againſt the eſtate are deſired to make them known by the day of ſale, and thoſe indebted thereto will pleaſe to ſettle their accounts with Mr. *James Conduit* of *Port Royal*, with whom the books are lodged, or the ſubſcriber in *Fredericksburg*.

2‖ JAMES BROWN, Executor.

WANTED on board the ſhip *Tartar*, lying at *Fraſer*'s ferry on *Mattapony*, a SURGEON'S MATE. Any gentleman, properly qualified, may depend upon good accommodation and treatment agreeable to his rank. ‖

WANTED for the hoſpitals of this ſtate, five or ſix hhds. of good VINEGAR, to be delivered at either the *Capitol* or *College* landings, for which a good price will be given by

‖ BENJ: BUCKTROUT.

WAS *drove aſhore at* Lewis *town, in one of the enemy's veſſels, and now in jail there, three negroes*, viz. *A man, a lad, and wench, who ſay they belong to Capt.* Lee *of* Lancaſter *county*, Virginia; *alſo a negro fellow, who ſays he belongs to the widow* Kemman *of ſaid county.* 1p

MY valuable tract of land, &c. in *Princeſs Anne* county, deſcribed in Mr. *Purdie*'s Gazette of the 9th of *May* 1777, not being yet diſpoſed of, the ſame may ſtill be purchaſed at the court of that county in *November* next, of

p CHRIST. WRIGHT.

STRAYED or STOLEN from the ſubſcriber, in *Petersburg*, the following horſes, *viz.* A bay, fourteen hands high, eight years old, has a ſhort ſwitch tail, and branded on the near ſhoulder H. A black, about thirteen hands and a half high, with gray hairs under his mane, and branded on the near buttock P. They have both been uſed to a waggon. Whoever brings the ſaid horſes to me, or to mr. *William Bradley* in *Petersburg*, ſhall receive ten dollars reward.

‖ DAVID KINSEY.

STRAYED from Col. *Gee*'s in *Suſſex*, laſt ſpring, a dark bay (or black) mare, intermixed with white hairs, moſt about the noſe and head, better than thirteen hands high, five years old when ſhe went away, drags her hind feet, which is very perceivable, is lower before than behind, but neither docked nor branded. I am informed ſhe has been at Capt. *Blunt*'s, near *Surry* old courthouſe, and ſince at another plantation on *Blackwater*, higher up. Whoever gives ſuch intelligence to the ſubſcriber in *Nanſemond* as he may get her again, or to Mr. *Henry Applewhite* of *Southampton*, ſhall be handſomely rewarded.

p WILLIAM COFFIELD.

STRAYED or STOLEN from the country paſture, ſome time in *Auguſt*, a mealy gray mare three years old laſt ſpring, four feet five or ſix inches high, paces very faſt, but is apt to change her feet, had a long ſwitch tail, and hanging mane. Whoever brings her to me in *Charles City* ſhall have four dollars reward and reaſonable expenſes, and if ſtolen five pounds on conviction of the thief. (1) THOMAS MOODY.

STRAYED ſome time laſt *May*, from the ſubſcriber in *King William*, a white horſe four feet five or ſix inches high, with hanging mane and ſhort ſwitch tail, paces, trots, and gallops, but rather broken, and branded on the near ſhoulder with a ſmall O. I have been informed that he was brought from *Culpeper* county, and expect he will endeavour to get there again. Whoever delivers the ſaid horſe to me ſhall have five dollars reward, or three dollars for ſuch intelligence as I get her again.

p BATHOLDER VALENTINE.

AT *October Cumberland* court will be ſold, for caſh, ſeven thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty one pounds of TOBACCO, to diſcharge the debts due the creditors of *Littleton* pariſh. 1p JOHN WILY.

WHEREAS *I gave my bond to a certain* Jeremiah Pullen, *of* Stafford *county, for* 161. 15 s. *in balance of payment for three negroes, I hereby forewarn all perſons from taking an aſſignment thereof, as I am determined not to pay it until there is a good and lawful title made to me for the ſaid negroes.* ‖ THOMAS FUQUA, *living in* Bedford.

Wanted immediately,

A MAN capable of teaching reading *Engliſh*, Writing, and Arithmetick, by the ſubſcriber in *Amelia* county. *p* VIVION BROOKING.

WOOLLENS.

THE ſubſcriber in *Petersburg* hath on hand, to be ſold at private ſale, ſundry kinds of GOODS, conſiſting of the following articles, *viz.* Broadcloths, either by the bale, ſingle piece, or yard, of different colours, ſuch as ſcarlet, green, buff, light blue, white, crimſon, pompadour, light and dark lead colours, brown, *French* grays, and other good mixtures, worſted hoſe, coarſe printed calicoes, white calico and humhums, yard and yard and half wide muſlins, checks, pins, needles, ginger, powder and lead, *&c. &c. &c.*

(tf) WILLIAM CALL.

To be SOLD *to the higheſt bidder, on* Thurſday *the 20th of* November, *being court day, on the premiſes,*

BETWEEN 5 and 600 acres of land, whereon *Suſſex* courthouſe ſtands. One third of the money to be paid when the land is made over, and the remainder at two equal annual payments. A good title will be made, and poſſeſſion given by the 25th of *December* next. Bond and good ſecurity will be required, and the bonds to carry intereſt from the date if not punctually paid.

p JOHN BERYMAN.

To be SOLD *on the premiſes, in* Caroline *county, near* Mr. Garland Anderſon's *mill, on* Monday *the 10th of* November, *if fair, otherwiſe next fair day,*

NINE lots of land laid off for prizes in Col. *Bernard Moore*'s lottery, numbered 16, 18, 21, 28, 26, 34, 35, 60, and 62 containing in the whole about 900 acres, which it is ſuppoſed were not drawn by private adventurers, as no conveyance has been demanded for them, or any tickets drawing them as prizes produced to the truſtees, wherefore it is expected they remain to the truſt eſtate for tickets undiſpoſed of; but if any perſons have a juſt right to any of the above lots, they are hereby required to make it known at or before the time of ſale. The purchaſers are to obſerve, that the truſtees will only ſell and convey their title under the deed from Col. *Moore*. Some credit will be allowed, if required, on giving bond, with approved ſecurity, to The ADMINISTRATORS of *John Robinſon*, Eſq; deceaſed.

FOUND near *Orange* court houſe, a ſum of PAPER MONEY. The owner may have it, on paying the charges of advertiſing, by applying to

2p ANDREW SHEPHERD.

WANTED immediately in the College of *William & Mary*, a Gentleman of good moral conduct, and well qualified to undertake the office of HEAD USHER. The ſalary is ſeventy five pounds ſterling a year, with conſiderable perquiſites, beſides good rooms, board, and acceſs to the library.

JOHN BRACKEN, clerk of the meeting.

N B. It is earneſtly requeſted of all Gentlemen, who have any books belonging to the College library in their poſſeſſion, to return the ſame immediately.

STRAYED or STOLEN from the ſuſcriber in *Fredericksburg*, about the 25th of *September*, a black gelding ten or twelve years old, fourteen hands and an inch high, has a ſtar in his forehead, and branded on the near buttock with a horſe ſhoe, the toe of which is upwards. The ſame night was miſſing, a negro who was confined as a runaway, broke jail, and has not been ſince heard of, and as the fellow had a bad foot, and was unable to walk with deſpatch, it is probable he may have rode the horſe off. Whoever delivers the ſaid horſe to me, if taken above fifteen miles from home, ſhall have TEN DOLLARS reward.

p WILLIAM HOLTON.

THE ſubſcribers would willingly contract with any perſon for two tuns of SALT PANS, or BOILERS, holding from twenty to one hundred gallons each (thoſe made at *Zane*'s works we would prefer) to be delivered us in *Lancaſter* at the current price thoſe articles bear; for which we would engage to pay ſalt at the current price, to be delivered at *Fredericksburg*, the firſt we make. Should the above propoſals be agreeable to any perſon, or perſons, they will be pleaſed to ſignify their acceptance thereof, and alſo when we may expect to receive them, by an advertiſement in this paper, or by letter addreſſed to either of us in ſaid county, near the mouth of *Corotoman* river.

MATTHEW MYERS.
2p HENRY TOWLES.

Purſuant to the will of Samuel Hargrove, *deceaſed, will be expoſed to publick ſale, on* Monday *the 17th of* November, *at his late dwelling-houſe,*

A LARGE ſtock of hogs, horſes, cattle, and ſheep, two waggons and geer, about 60 barrels of old corn, a ſet of blackſmiths tools, five hundred weight of ſteel, a quantity of iron, and a parcel of leather. Alſo will be rented for a term of years, not exceeding twelve, a well fixed and completely finiſhed merchant mill, ſaw mill, granary, and ſtorehouſe, on the falls of *Pamunkey* river, together with a cut-ly-log and three chains; alſo an iſland, containing about 25 acres of cleared land. Alſo to be let, on the ſame day, the building of a houſe 20 feet by 18, with a ſtone or brick chimney. One half of the conſideration to be paid on the raiſing, and the other half when the houſe is finiſhed in a good and workman-like manner.—All perſons having any demands againſt the ſaid eſtate are deſired to bring in their accounts properly authenticated, to *Thomas Trevilian* and *Samuel Temple*, to whom all perſons in arrears with the eſtate are requeſted to make the moſt ſpeedy payment. Twelve months credit will be allowed for all ſums exceeding forty ſhilling, provided they are punctually diſcharged; but on failure thereof, intereſt will be required from the date. Bond and inconteſtable ſecurity will be expected by The EXECUTORS.

ALEXANDRIA, *October* 15, 1777.

WE want SHIP SMITHS, NAILORS, SHIP CARPENTERS, ROPE MAKERS, and SAIL MAKERS. To ſuch tradeſmen very great encouragement will be given by

6p JENIFER & HOOE.

DESERTED from my quota of the ſtate artillery, JOHN DESHONELL, a *Frenchman*, who ſpeaks bad *Engliſh*, and is about 5 feet 2 or 3 inches high; had on when he deſerted a long ſnuff coloured coat, with an old hat and trouſers. I imagine he may be gone to *South Quay*, in order to go out of the ſtate with one of his countrymen, as I enliſted him at *Portſmouth* from a *French* veſſel there. Whoever delivers him to Col. *Muter*, or to the ſubſcriber at *Hampton*, ſhall have twenty dollars reward.

p JAMES W. BRADLEY, Lieut.

STRAYED or STOLEN from the ſubſcriber, near *Dinwiddie* courthouſe, the 27th of *April* laſt, a yellow gray horſe about 4 feet 7 or 8 inches high, about 3 years old the ſummer before, had a light face, or grayiſh blaze down to his noſtrils, his hind feet white, one higher than the other, had a long dock, was not branded, paces and canters well, was foundered a year ago, the marks of which may be ſeen in his feet, is apt to rear when firſt goe upon, and was got by a gray horſe, one of *Tolly Roger*'s colts, on a ſorrel mare. He is ſuppoſed to be ſtolen by ſome tobacco rollers, living on or near *Roanoke*. Whoever brings the ſaid horſe to me ſhall have forty ſhillings reward, or five pounds on conviction of the thief.

1p JOHN NORRIS, jun.

To be SOLD at vendue, at Prince George *courthouſe, on* Tueſday *the firſt of* November, *being court day,*

A NUNIMPROVED TRACT of LAND, containing eight hundred and fifty two acres, lying on *Warwick* ſwamp in the ſaid county, about fifteen miles from *James* river, and joining the land Mr. *Bonner* lately bought of Mr. *Thompſon*. About two hundred acres of the tract are good low grounds, and the whole is remarkably well timbered with white oak and pine. One half of the purchaſe money to be paid down, the other half at the end of one year. c‖ W. GOODLEY.

☞ I have a new WAGGON, with a team of young horſes, for ſale.

Will be expoſed to ſale at Wakefield, *in* Surry *county on* Thurſday *the 30th inſtant* (October) *for ready money,*

ELEVEN likely young Virginia born NEGROES. At the ſame time will alſo be ſold, for ready money, all the eſtate of Mrs. *Suſannah Harriſon* deceaſed, conſiſting of cattle, ſheep, and hogs, ſeveral beds, and many other articles neceſſary towards houſekeeping, ſuch as ſalt, iron pots of different ſizes, and many other things too tedious to mention.—The ſubſcriber requeſts that all thoſe who have any demands againſt the ſaid eſtate will make them known on the day of ſale, and thoſe indebted to make immediate payment, to

NATH. HARRISON, Adminiſtrator.

DESERTED from the *Page* galley, a certain CORNELIUS THOMPSON, by trade a blackſmith, 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high, pretty thick made, has a dark complexion, and dark hair, which curls. I have reaſon to believe he is lurking about the lower end of *Fauquier* county, near my houſe, as his family lives there. Whoever ſecures the ſaid deſerter, and delivers him to *Eleazar Callender*, Eſq; commander of the *Dragon* at *Fredericksburg*, or on board any of the ſtate veſſels, ſhall have twenty dollars reward.

2p JAMES MARKHAM, Capt.

WILLIAMSBURG, *October* 1, 1777.

THE recruiting officers of the 11th *Virginia* regiment are desired to pay particular attention to the instructions of Col. *Mason* of the fifteenth regiment. The gentlemen will exert themselves in forwarding their men to the place of rendezvous appointed by Col. *Mason*, with the greatest expedition. The officers are likewise desired to transmit me a list of their men, without delay. THOMAS MATHEWS.

Capt. in and superintendent of the recruiting service for the fourth *Virginia* regiment.

To be SOLD *to the highest bidder, on* Friday *the* 21st *of* November *(the day after* Powhatan *court) at the old courthouse,*

A VERY good STILL, which works about 55 gallons. Any person inclinable to purcase such a still may see it by applying to

(2) JOHN MURRY.

THE subscriber having removed into the state of *North Carolina*, gives this notice, that he has appointed Capt. *Samuel Garland* of *Lunenburg* county his attorney, to transact any manner of business for him in this state. He has for sale, in *Pittsylvania* county, sundry valuable TRACTS of LAND, amongst which is that whereon he formerly lived, and contains a thousand acres, a considerable quantity of which is good low grounds. It has on it pretty good buildings, a large plantation, at least six hundred bearing peach trees, and some apple trees of choice fruit, and about six acres of ground set in timothy. It lies near the old courthouse.

2‖ C. JEFFERSON.

CASH, *BAR IR N*, or *CASTINGS*, will be given at *Marlborough* iron works for a number of labouring men to cut wood and other common employment, whose wages will be paid in either of those mentioned articles as soon as their contracts are complied with. ISAAC ZANE.

FREDERICK county, *August* 19, 1777.

RUN away the 21st day of last month, from the aforesaid works, a servant man named *Henry Moncrief*, born in *Scotland*, speaks broad, and has been used to the sea, is about 30 years of age, 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, dark hair, thin spare visage, large eyes, long nose, down look, and his left arm much smaller than his right; his dress cannot be particularly described, as he went off from his work in the day time, and had only a country linent shirt, two trousers, and an old felt hat, but it is supposed he has procured other clothes. Any person that secures said servant, so that I get him again, shall receive *TWENTY DOLLARS* reward, and reasonable charges if brought home. (8) ISAAC ZANE.

NEW KENT, *Sept.* 24, 1777.

TO be rented for one year, or a term of years, the plantation belonging to the subscriber in said county, lying on the main road leading from *New Kent* courthouse and *Rosier's* ferry to *Williamsburg*, on which is an exceeding good dwelling-house, very pleasantly situated, with four rooms below and two above, with other necessary and convenient houses. This place is well situated in a neighbourhood of people, among whom it might suit a person, capable and willing to undertake the tuition of children in reading, writing, and arithmetick, to settle. For terms apply to Capt. *Richmond Allen* near the courthouse, or to the subscriber at Colonel *Bassett's*. 2‖ JOHN VALENTINE.

To be SOLD *for ready money, at* Smithfield, *on* Thursday *the* 13th *of* November,

ABOUT 2000 acres of land in *Isle of Wight* county, the remainder of a tract of 4600 acres, the property of the late Mr. *James Burwell*, deceased. This land is convenient to navigation. It is laid off in small parcels, and will be shewn to any person who desires to purchase by applying to Mr. *Nathaniel Burwell of Isle of Wight* county.

LEWIS BURWELL,
DUDLEY DIGGES,
(5) THOMAS NELSON, jun. } trustees.
NATH. BURWELL, jun.

To be SOLD at public vendue, at the Battery *in* Gloucester *county, on* Saturday *the* 18th *instant* (October)

A QUANTITY of good *St. Croix* RUM and SUGAR, also a few pounds of best HYSON TEA. 2*p*

ANY person who has a PLANTATION from two to three hundred acres, with tolerable good houses for the reception of a small family, may hear of one who would rent the same, and give a reasonable price, by applying to the Printer.

I DO hereby declare, that the suspicion I had of *Charles Tanner's* taking sundry silver watches, which I have lost, is without any foundation, as I never knew he took any thing from me since he has been my apprentice. Witness my hand, this fifteenth day of *September* one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven.

Witness, NICHOLAS GAUTIER.
STEPHEN TANKARD.
WILLIAM WALKER.

WILLIAMSBURG, *Sept.* 20, 1777.

GREAT wages will be given by the subscriber to journeymen GUNSMITHS, BLACKSMITHS, and NAILORS, that are good workmen. None others need apply. Six or eight boys are wanting, as APPRENTICES. (tf) JAMES ANDERSON.

For SALE,

SUNDRY valuable TRACTS of LAND, in *Rowan* county, *N. Carolina*, to the amount of 2500 acres, on which there is a very good dwelling-house two stories high, 45 by 24, with four rooms on a floor, and a fireplace in each room, all convenient outhouses, kitchen, smokehouse, workhouse, dairy, good barn and stables, overseer's house, a grist-mill in view, meadow land cleared and to be cleared, about 250 acres of high land cleared, excellent for wheat and corn, &c. Also TO BE SOLD, 140 head of cattle, hogs, horses, and sheep, with a large quantity of household furniture, and a number of likely young NEGROES. Whoever is desirous of purchasing any of the aforesaid articles may apply to the subscriber on the premises, about a mile and a half from *Salisbury*, where they shall meet with civil treatment; and as he proposes leaving the country as soon as he can dispose of his property, and settle his affairs, he desires all persons indebted either to himself or the estate of his brother, *John Frohock*, Esq; deceased, to take this as the last notice, and oblige their indulgent friend, 2‖ THOMAS FROHOCK.

SALISBURY, *Sept.* 1. 1777.

By order of his Excellency the GOVERNOUR.

THE officers of the troops of this state are hereby required, without loss of time, to make out accurate returns of their respective numbers, stations, and conditions, in all respects, and it is expected they will be particular in such returns, distinguishing every individual article of arms, accoutrements, military stores, blankets, clothing, and camp utensils. All gentlemen officers of the second and third regiments of state troops, who are now out recruiting, are hereby also strictly enjoined and required either to attend in person at this place, or transmit accurate lists of their men, and also to order all such recruits to repair to head quarters without delay. And it is also ordered, that all soldiers of said troops who have been indulged with furloughs for the recovery of their healths, and whose time is elapsed, that they immediately return to their duty; or they will be deemed deserters, and treated accordingly.

DAVID MASON, Col. 15th *Virg.* reg.
Head Quarters, *Williamsburg*, Oct. 1, 1777.

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140 DOLLARS Reward.

DESERTED from Col. *William Grayson's* regiment, the following soldiers, *viz. John Russell*, 21 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches high, light hair, hazel eyes, thin visage, and fair complexion. *George Russell*, 19 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, sandy hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, and slow of speech. *William Harness*, 20 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches high, dark hair, and fair complexion. *Reuben Farrington*, 20 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches high, light hair, blue eyes, and very fond of drink. Upon his enlistment, he obtained a furlough for 20 days; but having failed to meet agreeable thereto, I am informed he has made for some of the northern states. *Joseph Younger*, about 24 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches high, yellow curled hair, gray eyes, and thin visage. *Abraham Childress*, 30 years of age, 6 feet high, short black hair, gray eyes, and a fair complexion. *James Kyle*, 21 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches high, black curled hair, remarkable large nose, swarthy complexion, and by trade a hatter. The four first mentioned enlisted with me in *Pittsylvania* county, the next two in *Halifax*, and the last in *Charlotte*. I will give the above reward for the whole, or 20 dollars for each, on their being delivered to any continental officer on their march to head quarters, or to myself in *Petersburg*, in *Pittsylvania* county. ‖ RO. RAKESTRAW, 1st Lieut.

N. B. The three first mentioned have since enlisted with Capt. *John Dooley*, and are gone with him to *Georgia*.

SMITHFIELD, *October* 8, 1777.

I HAVE for sale an extraordinary fifty gallon STILL, price two hundred pounds, which I will warrant to be as good as any in Virginia.

2*p* THOMAS SMITH.

GOOCHLAND, *October* 1, 1777.

I HAVE for sale, on low terms, a quantity of valuable and well assorted MEDICINES, likewise a number of shop drawers neatly painted and lettered, glass retorts and receivers, &c.

p J. K. READ.

GREEN SPRING, *September* 24, 1777.

ALL persons indebted to me, by bond or otherwise, are desired to meet me at *Hanover* and *Henrico* courts in *November*, in order to discharge the same; and those who have any demands against me are requested to produce their accounts, properly adjusted. Those who fail to pay off their bonds may depend on having them lodged with *Peter Lyons*, esq; for suits to be commenced. ‖ JOHN ELLIS.

WANTED,

A SURGEON for the *Hero* galley, now lying at *Hampton*.

PHILIP CHAMBERLAIN, Capt.

RICHMOND, *Sept.* 23, 1777.

I INTEND for *Great Britain* by the first opportunity. *p* JOHN SKELTON.

WILLIAMSBURG, *Sept.* 18, 1777.

DESERTED from the *Mecklenburg* company of regulars belonging to this state the following soldiers, *viz. James Hudson*, *Thomas Sutton*, *Garner Green*, *Richard Melton*, *Nehemiah Matthews*, *Nathan Russell*, and *Page Pucket*, natives of said county. If they will return in a month from this date, and deliver themselves to the commanding officer in this city, they shall receive their bounty money, and be excused; but should they continue out after that time, a reward of TEN DOLLARS will be given for each of them.—Deserted likewise, *John Thomas*, a blacksmith, who lately worked in *Amelia* county; *William Harris*, who said he came from *Bulpeper*; *John Harris*, and *William Harris*, two brothers from *Carolina*. TWENTY DOLLARS will be given for each of them, and it is hoped that all well wishers to the *American* cause will be active in taking them, as they are vile offenders. *Thomas* has enlisted with two or three officers, and the other three have received very considerable sums of money to take other mens places. ‡ ISAAC HOLMES, Ensign.

DESERTED from the *Manly* galley, two men, viz. JOHN HARFORD, a sailor, who is about thirty years old, five feet eight or nine inches high, has short black hair, a very dark skin, is much addicted to liquor, and very talkative when so; had on when he went away a pair of canvas trousers, an old jacket, and a check shirt. WILLIAM WILKINS, a serjeant of marines, and formerly enlisted by captain *John C. Cocke*; he is about twenty five years old, five feet seven or eight inches high, and had on when he went away an old pair of white *Virginia* cloth breeches and cotton shirt. Whoever delivers the said men on board, or secures them so that I get them, shall have TWENTY DOLLARS reward.

‖ WILLIAM SAUNDERS, Captain.

COMMITTED to the jail of *Isle of Wight* county, on the eighteenth instant, a negro man who says his name is DOCTOR, and that he is the property of *James Parker*, late of *Norfolk*, and was hired out to some iron works up the country, where one Mr. *Wilcox* was manager or owner. He appears to be an outlandish negro, but speaks *English* very well. The person who has the direction of him is desired to take him away, and pay charges.

‖ MICAJAH WILLS, Jailer.

RUN away from *Green Spring*, the thirteenth of this instant (*September*) MARCUS, a negro fellow of a yellowish complexion, about thirty five years old, five feet three or four inches high, and had on a pair of iron spanciles. He had on an old straw hat, shoes and stockings, old drill breeches, old osnabrug shirt, blue striped *Virginia* cloth waistcoat, and a blue duffil coat. Whoever apprehends the said fellow, and delivers him to me at *Green Spring*, shall have TEN DOLLARS reward. ‖ JOHN ELLIS.

RUN away from the subscriber in *Hanover*, two negro fellows, *viz.* LEWIS and PRINCE, the former was advertised some time last *May* by *John Wilson* to be delivered to the subscriber, and is a well set fellow about five feet six or seven inches high, has thick lips, and when spoke to a downcast look; had on when he went away a white hunting shirt, a pair of short breeches of tow and cotton, and a small hat. I expect he will endeavour to pass for a freeman, he having attempted to pass as such. *Prince* is an outlandish fellow, about six feet high, stout made, full eyed talks very fast, and not plain; had on a pair of sheepskin breeches, a woollen jacket serge wove, striped in the filling with black and white wool, a white cotton shirt, and took another of the same kind with him, and had on a small bound black hat. He formerly was the property of mr. *Brown* of *King William*, and has been much used to the tending of gentlemen, and is well acquainted with most of *America*. I expect he will endeavour to get to *Howe's* army, as he has once attempted to join *Dunmore*. Whoever will deliver the said runaways to the subscriber shall have ten dollars for each, or half the sum for securing them in jail, so I get them again, I will sell or swap either of them, to any person they may incline to go to.

‖ NELSON ANDERSON, jun.

NEWCASTLE, *Sept.* 24, 1777.

STOLEN from my plantation in *King William*, two miles from *Newcastle*, early in this month, a BLACK MARE 4 feet 7 or 8 inches high, rather dull, her mane thick, shoulders much scarred by working, and the end of one of her ears is cut off; she is also scarred on the right buttock. Whoever delivers the said horse to me shall have 20s. reward and on conviction of the thief &c.

DOROTHY JOHNSON.

RICHMOND town, *Sept.* 8, 1777.

STOLEN out of my pasture, about the 20th of last month, a likely bay gelding about fourteen hands high, his back has been lately hurt before on the off side with a chair saddle, has no white about him, except he may have a few in his forehead and some saddle spots, was lately shod before, does not pace, but trots and gallops short, and is rather dull; his body round, and rather long for his height. Whoever brings me the said horse shall have thirty shillings reward, and five pounds on conviction of the thief.

RICHARD ADAMS.